

Apprenticeship in Animal Care

This Apprenticeship aims to enable learners to develop specific skills in the care of animals and apply them to practical situations in the workplace.

The programme offers young people the opportunity to achieve City and Guilds qualifications in Animal Care and designated Key Skills whilst gaining practical work experience.

At the same time employers benefit from well-trained and motivated members of staff who can make a significant contribution to the company.

Apprentices follow an approved framework of training at Level 2 or Level 3 that will meet the different needs of both small and large organisations. They can follow different routes including Pet Care and Retail or Animal Welfare.

The framework consists of:

A National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in Animal Care at Level 2 or/then Level 3 awarded by City and Guilds.

NVQ's are nationally recognised qualification; they are work based and work relevant and build on practical experience gained in the workplace.

Key Skills

- **Level 2 Apprenticeship:** Application of Number, Communication, Working With Others and Improving Own Learning and Performance at Level 1

- **Advanced Apprenticeship:** Application of Number, Communication, Working with Others, Problem Solving and Improve own Learning and Performance at Level 2. Information Technology at Level 1.

Key Skills are transferable skills that enhance not just the young person's contribution in the workplace but also everyday life. An external test may be required to be taken by the young person depending on GCSE grades previously achieved.

Technical Certificate

There is no Technical Certificate at Level 2. There is a Technical Certificate at Level 3. This includes a written test and assignments. These awards are designed to contribute to the knowledge and understanding for the NVQ whilst containing additional skills and knowledge, which go beyond the scope of the NVQ standards.

Other Requirements

Both Level 2 and Level 3 Apprentices must complete the Emergency First Aid (1 day course).

Entry requirements.

All learners will have an initial assessment to determine appropriate level of qualification to be undertaken.



Content to be covered

NVQ Level 2 in Animal care

Four Mandatory Units

- Develop personal performance and maintain working relationships
- Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals
- Establish and maintain animals within their accommodation
- Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety (ENTO)

Plus one of the two:

- Maintain the cleanliness of the working environment
- Provide feed and water to animals

Plus six optional units from a selection of topics including:

- Provide exercise opportunities for animals
- Provide feed and water to animals
- Control and restrain animals
- Process orders for goods (DNT0)
- Provide information and advice to customers (DNT0)

NVQ Level 3 in Animal Care

Four Mandatory Units

- Implement and monitor plans for the health and well being of animals
- Plan, monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals
- Control and restrain animals
- Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security

Plus one of the two

- Plan and monitor animal diets and feeding regimes
- Load and unload animals for transport

Plus seven optional units from a selection of topics including:

- Care for and monitor the behaviour of visitors to sites
- Investigate reported nuisance, abuse or harm of animals
- Contribute to managing the customers to choose products (DNT0)

Technical Certificates/Key Skills

Half day release (maximum 6) to cover the underpinning knowledge and preparation for completing Key Skills test and assignments. One day per week for 6 months to cover the Technical Certificate requirements.

Staffing

Learners are regularly visited in the workplace by occupationally qualified Training Consultants for one to one coaching and assessment.

Resources

- > Occupationally competent staff.
- > Technical Certificate and Key Skills training sessions at Prescott Street including practice sessions for tests.

Recommended Reading

- > Animal Biology and Care by Sue Dallas
- > The Catlopedia by J.M.Evans and K.White
- > The Doglopedia by J.M.Evans and K.White

Duration of programme

12 to 18 months for Level 2 and 18 – 24 months for Level 3 depending on experience.

Venue

- > 1:1 coaching and assessment carried out in the workplace.
- > Training facilities at Prescott Street.

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